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A buffer film is formed by epitaxially grow a metal film (i.e. In, Ga, B, Al etc metal) and epitaxially grow a metal nitride film (i.e. InN, GaN, BN, AlN). The nitride in the metal nitride layer reacts with the pure metal and form a metal nitride buffer layer.

Look for nitridation, nitrified process.

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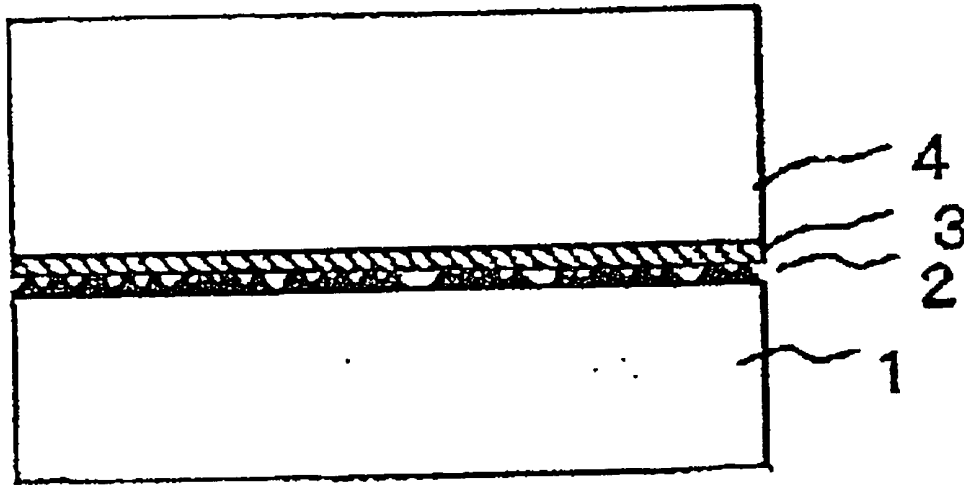
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

To provide a semiconductor substrate of a group III nitride with low defect density and little warp, this invention provides a process comprising such steps of:

forming a GaN layer 2 on a sapphire substrate 1 of the C face ((0001) face); forming a titanium film 3 thereon; heat-treating the substrate in an atmosphere containing hydrogen gas or a gas of a compound containing hydrogen to form voids in the GaN layer 2; and thereafter forming a GaN layer 4 on the GaN layer 2'.

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FILE 'REGISTRY'

L1 33 S (IN AND N)/ELS AND 2/ELC.SUB
 L2 46 S (GA AND N)/ELS AND 2/ELC.SUB
 L3 227 S (B AND N)/ELS AND 2/ELC.SUB
 L4 204 S (AL AND N)/ELS AND 2/ELC.SUB
 L5 0 S IN/CN
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 L8 1 S GALLIUM/CN
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 L10 1 S ALUMINIUM/CN

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